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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD


SUBJECT: Meeting with Minister of Justice

REF : DIRECTOR 90220

1. Today I met the Minister of Justice, Judge Huynh Duc BUU, at his office and discussed my mission in Vietnam: work, as a consulting attorney, in the legal aspects of pacification. General arrangements were made for future meetings, at my request, with the Minister himself or with several assistants whom he designated.

2. The Minister said he will leave tomorrow evening for Teheran at the head of a delegation to the International Conference on Human Rights, which will convene in that city on 22 April. He will remain there for about a week. The Conference, which commemorates the twentieth anniversary of the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights, will last about three weeks. The other two members of the Republic of Vietnam delegation are: the First President of the Court of Appeal (Cour d'Appel) in Saigon [presumably Nguyen Huy DAU] and the President of the Saigon Bar Association, Ho Tri CHAU. I met CHAU when I was in Saigon last year and had a pleasant chat with him at the Bar Association's offices in the Cour d'Appel.

3. The Minister evidenced considerable interest in improving the legal processing of civil detainees so that cases will be handled more expeditiously and that convicted offenders will be given full opportunity for re-education, rehabilitation and eventual reintegration into society.

  
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